

26th March 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AMAZING CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

This term the Unit of Inquiry at all year levels has been "Identity". The students have celebrated their own families, histories and stories and shared them to make understandings about our rich diversity as a community.

Our assemblies this term have reflected this work and celebrated the colour, music, costumes and dance of traditions dating back more than a thousand years. Lunar New Year in February and Nowruz or Persian New Year last week showed our children ancient cultural traditions and beliefs.

Yesterday was Greek National Day. The assembly featured musicians, dancers in traditional dress and students reading poetry. The most incredible thing happened. The dancers commenced a traditional dance and invited the teachers and parents to join them. Grandmas, grandpas, aunties and uncles came to join the dance. Spontaneously, the children started to join in. At first just one or two joined their families, then students of every cultural background joined the dance until it was a sea of swirling circles and movement. We are so, so lucky to have our children growing and thriving in this amazing and inclusive richness.

Thank you to Christine Risvanis and Emily Haitidis for their leadership of yesterday's event. Next event: the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival in June.



WILMA CULTON

VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

25th VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

On Thursday 14th March, Wilma Culton and I had the privilege of attending the 25th Victorian School Sport Awards at the MCG. At the end of last year I had nominated our badminton coach, Lenny Permana for her contribution to badminton at our school. One award is given at the ceremony for each category. This year, School Sport Victoria recognised Lenny's efforts and presented her with the Outstanding Community Contribution (Parent, Coach, Volunteer) award.

Lenny has inspired so many children to take up the sport of badminton. Her passion for the sport, her interest in its promotion, along with her techniques in training and coaching have produced amazing results at the primary and secondary level, resulting in the highest accolades. Lenny is generous with her time, having volunteered on a weekly basis for 5 years so far, to further the talents of the children at Serpell PS. She immediately involved the children in the All Schools Badminton Championships so there was a challenge ahead of them, and worked hard to involve parents as team managers. Our badminton squad has been comprised of children from years 1-6, and with Lenny's voluntary work at Doncaster Secondary school, the opportunity exists for the children to play through to year 12. Many children, some of whom have never been part of a sporting team before, have also taken up the sport, either on a competitive or social basis – a credit to Lenny.



Lola Hughes

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

National Young Leaders Day Recount

On Monday 18th of March, the young leaders of Serpell (House and School Captains) were extremely privileged to attend National Young Leaders Day (which was run by Halogen) at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. We listened to four inspirational speakers speaking about some experiences and their perspective on being a leader. The presenters were Cal Wilson (a stand-up comedian and an author), Tim Diamond (member of Cotton On Foundation), Holly Ferling (cricketer from Melbourne Stars) and last but not least, Leisel Jones (Australian swimmer who participated in the Olympics). Something all speakers mentioned was to always say 'yes' to new challenges and to never give up. Overall, National Young Leaders Day was an experience that was very motivating and an event we'll never forget. We would like to thank Mrs Culton, Mrs Jones, Mrs Stanford and Mr Thuys for supporting us and allowing us to attend.

Mikaela & Catherine



2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The 2nd Hand Uniform shop forms an integral part of our Serpell community, as well the wider community in an effort to reduce land fill by re-selling unwanted school uniforms.

This service is run by parent volunteers which is currently running at 1 parent. Help is desperately needed to sort and sell for a short time once a month.

If you are able to offer some time, please phone Bick Wong on 0416 391 650.

SERPELL CHOIR

Do you love to sing and perform? Are you in Year 2 or above? Then we need YOU in the Serpell Primary School Choir!

Rehearsals begin on *Thursday 28th March at lunchtime in the Multipurpose Room* which is located upstairs in the CCM.

Visit choirsp2019.global2.vic.edu.au or see Mrs Dawe in 1LD for more information.

2019 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

2019 Class Representatives Still Needed

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to be Class Rep this year for your child's class, however, we still need more Class Reps. If you have a child in any of the following classes, please consider being a class rep as it is a very easy role that hardly takes up any time.

**1BW, 1SC;
3MB, 3RM;
5SC; and
6NT.**

If you would like to volunteer, please email Rebecca Evans our Class Rep Coordinator at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name & phone number as well as your child's name & class.

FROM THE OFFICE



A reminder to all parents; to ensure money sent to school makes it to the office, please enclose it in an envelope or plastic zip lock bag and write your child's first and last name, along with their class on the front.

As always, we appreciate it when you send the correct money along.

VALUES COMMITTEE

Values Committee Visit to BUPA

On Friday, the Year 2 and 3 Values Committee members went to BUPA. We went to do some St Patrick's Day inspired arts and crafts with the residents. We chatted to the people who live at BUPA while we did our activities. We stuck our artworks on the wall and gave some cute leprechauns to some of the residents. We think it really brightened up the room! We had lots of fun at BUPA and we are glad we went and celebrated St Patrick's Day with the people who live there!

By Luca, Sophie and Lauren - Year 3



GREEK CULTURAL OBSERVATION

Greek Cultural Day

What a wonderful Greek cultural celebration we had yesterday during Monday's assembly. The afternoon was filled with Greek music, dance & traditional costumes enjoyed by parents, students and teachers.

These performances included a Greek poem presented by Year 3's and 4's about our Greek National Day "25th March".

"Η Πατρίδα σήμερα γιορτάζει, 25^η Μαρτίου, και όλοι έχουμε πολύ χαρά".

Nick Papaefthimiou with his dance group, and George Kiriakidis who performed traditional Greek music filled the stadium with κέφι (fun).

Thank you to our speakers Dion 6JD, Billi 6JH, Grace 6NT, Rocco 6KH, Amber 6SS, and Marcus 6JH.

Χρόνια Πολλά και του χρόνου!

DIARY

Wed 27 th	Mar	Fitness Fun Day
Thur 28 th	Mar	Choir Tryouts for Year 2 – 6
Fri 29 th	Mar	PA Meeting – 2:30pm Staffroom Everyone Welcome!
Mon 1 st	Apr	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 2 nd	Apr	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 3 rd	Apr	Hot Cross Bun orders distributed today
Fri 5 th	Apr	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 2:30pm
Tue 23 rd	Apr	First Day of Term 2

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sports Results – Round 5 – 21ST March

BLUE	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	1/64	3/53
Bat Tennis	61	11
Open Rounders	32	5
Girls Rounders	18	2
Open Softball	10	9
Girls Softball	12	14

GOLD	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	31	29
Bat Tennis	58	2
Open Rounders	19	1
Girls Rounders	24	1
Open Softball	10	17
Girls Softball	9	13

CHESS CLUB – TERM 2

Notices for Term 2 Chess Club have gone home today.



Spaces are strictly limited to 80 students, on a first come, first served basis.

Forms and money are due back to school this Friday, 29th March.

FITNESS FUN DAY

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Fitness Fun Day will take place on **Wednesday the 27th of March**. We are looking forward to this healthy and active event. Don't forget to bring a water bottle and wear comfortable runners.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:10 – 10:30	2AM 2GM 2LF 2TH 2SP	3CL 3DB 3MB 3KB 3LZ	3RC 3RM 4JC 4CS 4MT
10:40 – 12:20	PAA PMR PDP PNA POA	PSD PMP 1BW 1CH 1CK 1HC	2SK 2VP 1VG 1LD 1SC 1SK
1:40 – 3:10	4MR 4KS 4MM 5MC 5NT	5KY 5RK 6JH 6SS 6JD	5KD 5SC 6NT 6KH 6KJ

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

We would like to welcome to our newest Parent Association Committee Coordinator, Jessica Zhang (Anton's mum Yr 5), who will join Amy Jing (Kingsley's mum PSD) in planning our Father's Day Event. Together they will make big things happen, creating the gift of time and memory for Serpell students and their dads. Looking forward to Father's Day in late August.

The next Parents Association meeting will be held in the Staff room at 2:30pm, this Friday 29th March.

Please join us to get to know what's happening or if you are interested in getting involved.

president.serpell@gmail.com

Kanika, Yavnik, Yashar,
Elisha & Shannen

SCHOOL BANKING

Former Serpell primary school students who have moved on to high school can continue to bank through a younger sibling still at the school. Using their own banking wallet, follow the instructions below; **and attach the sibling banking wallet to the current student's wallet with an elastic band.**

SIBLING BANKING – INSTRUCTIONS OF WHAT TO WRITE ON THE FRONT OF THE SIBLINGS (NON SERPELL STUDENT) YELLOW BANK BOOK COVER.

3LD-2019 (current Serpell student's class and year)

David White (name of non Serpell sibling)

(3LD John White) (class and name of current Serpell student)

Similarly, younger siblings of current Serpell primary school students can bank through their big brother or sister. (*They need to have their own Commonwealth Youthsaver account and must be age of 0-16)

Happy Banking, School Banking Team 😊

SERPELL BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 24th March

LEED ST SATURDAY Competition

3/4 Boys	Serpell Saber	BYE
1/2 Boys	Serpell Smashers 20	OLOP Pumas 1

MID WEEK COMPETITION

5/6 Girls	Serpell Star Shooters 10	St Gregs Guarino 9
5/6 Boys	Serpell Scorchers 27	Tempy Park Jordan 14
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers 10	St Clements Curtis 29
5/6 Boys	Serpell Storm 13	Belle Vue Green Geckos 41
3/4 Boys	Serpell Swords 16	THPS Team3 4
3/4 Boys	Serpell Scorpions 0	Temp valley Wightman 30
3/4 Girls	Serpell Sonics 4	Birralee Bumblebees 30
3/4 Girls	Serpell Solars 19	Belle Vue Yellow Geckos 14
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles 18	Tempy Park Vanevski 14
1/2 Boys	Serpell Super Snipers 56	Doncster Gardens 2
1/2 Boys	Serpell Sharks 7	THPS Stacks 6